November 25, 1963

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

The rifle that had been used to fire the lethal shots at President John F. Kennedy has been identified as a 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano Italian military rifle Model 91/38, number C2766.

Laboratory examination of markings of two cartridge cases found on the sixth floor of the building in which Oswald was employed determined that they had been fired in the rifle mentioned above.

An examination was made of handwriting and handprinting appearing on an envelope and order blank form of Kleins Sporting Goods, Chicago, Illinois, from which this rifle was purchased. This envelope and order blank bore the return address "A. Hidell, P. O. Box 2915, Dallas, Texas". It was determined that the handwriting and handprinting on the envelope and order formmentioned above had been prepared by the same individual whose handwriting appeared on a passport application for Lee H. Oswald and two letters contained in the files of the United States Navy bearing the signature Lee H. Oswald.

Textile fibers adhering to a jagged area on the left side of the metal butt plate of this weapon were similar in characteristics to fibers composing a shirt which Oswald had been wearing upon his arrest on November 22, 1963. A latent palm print appearing on wrapping paper found in the same building which may have been used to cover the weapon and is similar to that used by the Texas Public School Book Depository where Oswald was employed, was identified as being identical with Oswald's.

During the morning of November 24, 1963, our Dallas Office received an anonymous telephone call from an individual who threatened that Oswald would be killed during his scheduled transfer that day from the City Jail to the County Jail in Dallas, Texas. It was learned that the Sheriff's Office in Dallas, Texas, received a similar telephonic threat at approximately the same time. Authorities of the Dallas Police Department were immediately advised of these threats in order that appropriate security arrangements could be taken to protect their prisoner.

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In view of the calm demeanor exhibited by the anonymous caller, this threat was again discussed with the Chief of Police of the Dallas Police Department by the Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Office at 8:15 A.M., November 24, 1963, at which time the Special Agent in Charge was advised by Chief Curry that they were taking every precaution.

Lee Harvey Oswald at approximately 1:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, while in the Dallas City Jail prior to boarding an armored van was shot and mortally wounded by an assailant who was subsequently identified as Jack Leon Ruby. Oswald was pronounced dead shortly thereafter at the Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Jack Leon Ruby who allegedly was born on March 25, 1911, at Chicago, Illinois, was taken into custody by officers of the Dallas Police Department and has been formally charged with the murder of Oswald. Ruby has been interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI and while declining to say why he killed Oswald supposed that his grief over President Kennedy's death drove him to the point of insanity.

Investigation has been initiated by the Bureau relative to this most recent development as a possible violation of the Civil Rights Statute relating to the rights of citizens under Section 241, Title 18, United States Code.

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